

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	109.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	59.6
Hours flown	-48.4
Monthly offset	
32nd Rescue Squadron	125.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	99.2
Hours flown	-25.8
Monthly offset	
805th Air Refueling Squadron	466.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	460.7
Hours flown	-5.3
Monthly offset	
44th Fighter Squadron	451.4
Monthly sortie contract	232.2
Sorties flown	-119.2
Monthly offset	
67th Fighter Squadron	425.4
Monthly sortie contract	135.1
Sorties flown	-290.3
Monthly offset	

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of June 26

THE KADENA SHOGUN



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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy
SW winds @ 12 knots
High: 88 Low: 81

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy
SW winds @ 8 knots
High: 88 Low: 79

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy
SW winds @ 8 knots
High: 88 Low: 79

**FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITY BANK
EXCHANGE RATES**
BUYING: \$1=Y107 SELLING: Y113=\$1

Zink retires after 30 years of service

By Maj. Michael Paoli
18th Wing Public Affairs

He joined the Air Force for a short stint; wasn't ready for college and just wanted a useful job. "I would've flunked," Col. Rick Zink said with a smile while reminiscing in his office 21 June. "I needed direction in my life." The Air Force gave him that, and much, much more.

Nearly thirty-one years later, the 18th Wing vice commander is completing his last assignment—headed to retirement in Colorado Springs, Colo., with his wife Karen and three children, David, Jacob and Samantha.

His Air Force journey began at basic training in the fall of 1974 at Lackland AFB, Texas.

In 1975 he reported to his first assignment at Laughlin AFB, outside of Del Rio, Texas, as an aerospace physiology technician.

Shortly after arriving on-station he decided he wanted a degree, and he wanted to fly. During the day he operated an altitude chamber, familiarizing aircrew with spatial dis-



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

Col. Richard Zink poses for a photo while flying his final flight June 22. After serving the Air Force for more than 30 years, Colonel Zink retired Thursday morning during a ceremony at 18th Wing headquarters. The colonel plans to enjoy retirement with his family in Colorado.

orientation and other physiological disorders. At night he attended classes, and in 1979 received a degree in health-care management.

The Air Force, however,

did not share his goals, determining that then-Staff Sgt. Zink was medically unqualified for officer training.

"It was the most frustrating time of my career—definitely

the low point," he said. "They wouldn't accept me for commissioning or aviation, and at the time I was serving actively on hazardous-duty orders."

He pushed back, requested

a re-evaluation, and successfully reversed the first medical assessment.

With a set of new gold bars, he served 18 months as a disaster preparedness officer at Holloman AFB, N.M., before then reporting in 1987 to undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB in Lubbock, Texas.

When asked about the quality of his enlisted years, the colonel's face lit up.

"I loved it! I got to see the great value of noncommissioned officers running our daily operations."

After pilot training he progressed to KC-135 Stratotanker training at Castle AFB, Calif., then off to Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y., as a co-pilot and eventually aircraft commander.

Now a command pilot with more than 3,400 flight hours, he's seen many changes to the Stratotanker in the 23 years since his first flight, including today's glass cockpits, flight deck digital displays and satellite communications. But the basic airframe, and its vital role, remains the same.

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Kadena NCO named one of AF's Outstanding Airman of Year

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Michael Harris, a vehicle operations dispatch support supervisor from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was recently named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Sergeant Harris was congratulated by 18th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas during a surprise visit June 23.

"This honor not only reflects the hard work and dedication of Sergeant Harris, it also reflects on Team Kadena and all Air Force vehicle operators,"

said General Jouas.

While serving at Balad Air Base, Iraq, last year as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sergeant Harris helped capture eight insurgents and fought off numerous convoy ambushes.

But the last year has been a good to Sergeant Harris. He was presented with the Bronze Star Medal for actions in Iraq last December, and he was also named the Air Force's 2004 Transportation NCO of the Year in May.

The humble father of three, who also found out recently that he'd be sewing on master sergeant stripes, said he was honored to represent "so many great warriors."

As one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen, Sergeant Harris will attend the Air Force Association's annual conference in Washington this fall and participate in various events throughout the upcoming fiscal year.

For more details on Sergeant Harris' accomplishments, visit *The Kadena Shogun Newspaper* archive online (Dec. 3, 2004 & May 13, 2005) at www.kadena.af.mil.



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Michael Harris, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, poses for a photo at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, last year. Sergeant Harris was the first Air Force vehicle operator credited with a confirmed kill while defending a convoy.

Gate 2 to open, Gate 5 to close July 6 — weather permitting



Independence Day

Celebrating America's 229th birthday

By General Paul V. Hester
Pacific Air Forces

More than two centuries ago our founding fathers declared independence from British rule...a war resulted...a fledgling nation started and rule "of the people and by the people" was born.

Ever since, Americans have worked together to build a Nation where all people are equal, "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," and where its citizens are free to pursue their individual dreams.

This Independence Day we remember the brave men and women of the armed forces for their service...and for their sacrifices. They are America's sons and daughters, mothers and



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fathers.

We are grateful for their dedication, courage and for protecting the principles and liberties won so long ago.

Our Pledge of Allegiance captures, in its simplicity, the greatness and

nobleness of our founders: "...One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Lynda and I wish you and your families the continued blessings of Freedom and a safe and enjoyable celebration of America's 229th birthday.

ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jous
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Ticket scalping

I'd like to thank the Army and Air Force Exchange Service for providing our community with the new Star Wars movie on the same night as its world-wide release. Unfortunately, the arrival of the movie brought with it a reprehensible act. On page C4 of the 20 May issue of *The Kadena Shogun*, "Paul and Andrea" offered tickets to the movie for a whopping \$20 each – or five times the AAFES face value.

This sort of thing is disgraceful and undermines our military community. I understand that the classified advertisements aren't produced by the 18th Wing, so I'm not putting blame on anyone in any official capacity. But is there something that can be done to discourage this kind of behavior and make it clear to these offenders that we're not going to tolerate this sort of garbage?

You're absolutely right. It's hard to believe that one of our own

would join ranks with the disreputable people that take advantage of military personnel and their families.

Like you, I find it reprehensible that anyone among us would try to profit from the AAFES advance ticket sale and potentially ruin a good thing for our Kadena community. AAFES does not in any way condone scalping tickets.

In fact, reselling items purchased from AAFES with the intent to make a profit is unauthorized. Although scalping tickets is illegal in many locations in the U.S., the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specifically address this offense.

However, Article 134 (the "general article") makes punishable any act or omission that is either prejudicial to good order or discipline, or service-discrediting in the eyes of the public. Bottom line – don't do it, and don't support scalpers by buying tickets from them.



A 25-year-old senior airman from the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron was given an Article 15 for driving while intoxicated May 1 with a breath-alcohol content of .181 percent. The Airman was also demoted to airman first class, fined \$1,200 over two months, given 20 days extra duty and restriction, and reprimanded.

It has been...

9 days

since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.



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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Sonya Ferguson
353rd Maintenance Squadron, maintenance scheduling journeyman
Hometown: Mullins, S.C.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Ferguson's impeccable work ethic helped her accomplish a 91 percent test score on her upgrade training end-of-course examination while completing 12-semester hours toward her Community College of the Air Force degree with a 3.9 grade-point-average.

Time at Kadena: 6 months

Editor's note: *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

News Briefs

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know – 21 to 34-year-old drivers are responsible for nearly 60 percent of all alcohol-related vehicle crashes?

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP: When time comes around to purchase new computer monitors, choose the smallest monitor that meets your needs. A 17-inch monitor consumes 35 percent more electricity than a 14-inch monitor.

LIMITED SERVICES: The 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron receiving section will have limited property turn-in service from **now until July 15**. Customers can complete paperwork transactions at the 18th LRS customer service and arrange property drop-off at DRMO. For additional questions, contact Staff Sgt. Stencil at 632-7717.

- The Kadena Tax Center is closed until July 26. Starting **Aug. 1**, the tax center staff will only provide services on an appointment-only basis. To make an appointment, e-mail tax.center@kadena.af.mil. Walk-in service will resume during the next tax season in January. For more information, call 634-3309.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: The American Red Cross now handles Air Force Aid emergency assistance after normal duty hours, weekends, holidays and Air Force down days for all active-duty Airmen and family members. Call 634-7521 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION WORKSHOP: Learn the basics involving adoption during a class at the Family Support Center **Wednesday** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presenters, including parents who have completed international adoptions in the past, will provide information and answers to your questions. Call 634-3366 to register.

PET QUARANTINE: In-bound Defense Department employees to Okinawa may quarantine their pets in on-base quarters.

In June the rules on importing pets into Japan changed and military officials have been working clarifications of the change with Japanese officials.

"The best thing to do is to ensure you read the Web site," said Capt. Connie Schmitt, officer in charge of

mission support with the Okinawa Branch Veterinary Service. "Under the new rules, timing is extremely important and certain steps need to be followed in a certain order to reduce the length of quarantine," she said.

However, Captain Schmitt said that if pet-owners don't live on base, pets will have to be quarantined at Karing Kennels or in Naha.

The captain did acknowledge that Karing Kennels typically fills fast, and housing a pet in Naha is not cost-effective. While the Naha facility costs approximately \$30 a day, the pet owner has to provide full care with feeding twice daily, and she said, it quickly becomes cost prohibitive based on the hour-long drive to and from the facility.

Captain Schmitt recommends that pet owners not living on base who are trying to bring their pets to Japan have them kenneled in the U.S. to help reduce the new quarantine time.

Complete rules on the new restrictions are available at: <http://www.usarj.army.mil/or ganization/vet/prm.pdf>.

TAKE YOUR PICK



Campaign Medals



GWOT-E Medal

or...

Air Force officials recently authorized wear of the Iraqi and Afghanistan Campaign Medals (above left). The medals apply to Airmen deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001 for Operation Enduring Freedom, and March 19, 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in either country for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days to be eligible. Airmen are entitled to only one campaign medal per action, achievement, or period of service. Airmen deployed to either country between the eligibility period and April 30, 2005 may choose to wear either the appropriate campaign medal, or the Global War on Terrorism - Expeditionary Medal, but not both. (Airmen deployed abroad on or after Sept. 11, 2001 for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom are eligible for the GWOT-E Medal – visit www.af.mil for more details.) Airmen deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan after April 30, 2005 can only earn the respective campaign medal for the area they served in. Air Force Personnel Center officials will do a mass update in August to convert GWOT-E medals to respective campaign medals for those eligible. Airmen who don't want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ The Naha Defense Facilities Administration Bureau conducted its third noise measurement survey around Kadena Air Base's perimeter this week.

□ According to a recent telephone poll, 70 percent of Okinawans and 45 percent of mainland Japanese surveyed oppose the presence of the U.S. military in Okinawa. However, 30 percent of Okinawans and 47 percent of mainland Japanese said the presence of the U.S. military in Okinawa is necessary.

□ Eleven freshmen from Okinawa Higashi Junior High School visited Kadena Tuesday to participate in a career shadow program with various units. The program was expected to continue on Thursday, but the school cancelled it after strong opposition from the Okinawa Prefectural Education Bureau and School Staff Union. One union official said, "The program would create children who are insensitive to U.S. base issues."

Another official criticized school staff for planning the event, saying, "It was a very thoughtless action at a time when people are discussing the reduction of the base burden."

□ Japan's Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi commented about the U.S. military presence in Okinawa while attending the 60th anniversary of the end of the Battle of Okinawa. The prime minister stressed the importance of minimizing the burden on Okinawans, and said the process of relocating military bases to mainland Japan is difficult because of strong community opposition.

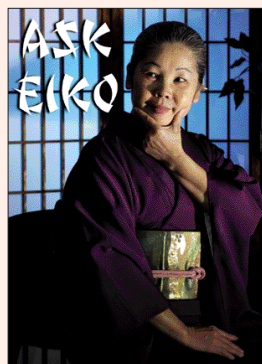
Q : I recently saw a photo of the Japanese royal family and noticed there are no male grandchildren. Can there be an Empress of Japan in the future or has there been in the past?

A : Before giving a direct answer, we need to first understand how the terms "emperor" and "empress" are treated in Japanese.

Our word for Emperor is "Ten-no" and is gender neutral in its interpretation. Whomever is the ruling person in the imperial family is referred to as the Emperor (Ten-no). If the ruler is a male, then his spouse holds the title Empress, but this term signifies no ruling power.

As an interesting side note, other Japanese terms are used to refer to emperors or royal monarchs of other countries; the term Ten-no is only used to refer to the Emperor of Japan.

Historically, the chain of succession for the Ten-no has been very confusing. The throne normally was passed from generation to generation, but it wasn't always the oldest male child – or



"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: kadenashogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil with the subject line – ASK EIKO.

any child in the immediate family – who became emperor. One source referred to the historical succession procedures as a peculiar rotational system. Even those who specialize in the history of Japan's emperors find some of the succession actions very confusing. Under this system, 10 females held the position of Ten-no between 593 and 1771.

The succession system was radically changed and codified into law during the development

of the first constitution during the Meiji Restoration (1868-1912).

The succession became what is known as agnatic primogeniture, the technical term meaning that the eldest surviving male child inherits the throne. Females are specifically excluded. When the constitution was revised in 1947, this remained unchanged, so under present law there is no legal way for a female to become Ten-no. This presents a problem for the Japanese Imperial Family because there are no male grandchildren.

In order for the line of succession to remain unbroken (although historians debate whether it actually is), one of two things must happen. One option is that the next emperor adopts a male heir from within the extended royal family, thereby adding the required male to the chain of succession. There is historical precedent for such action, but this is not considered a "popular" choice by today's generation and is deemed unlikely.

The second option is that the law be changed to allow a female to ascend the throne. That is being heavily discussed in historical and political circles and appears to be favored by most Japanese citizens. It will certainly be interesting to see how this part of the Japanese culture unfolds.



Volunteers, athletes and family members make their way around the Kadena High School track during the opening ceremony for the 6th Annual Kadena Special Olympic Games Saturday. More than 5,000 people participated in this year's events, including the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Band and local entertainers that performed throughout the day. For more photos of the Kadena Special Olympic Games, visit www.kadena.af.mil and click on the corresponding button.

Air Force/Airman 1st Class Jeremy McGuffin



Hundreds of volunteers from all military services came out to help athletes like Arisa Nakada get to events and to cheer them on.

Air Force/Senior Airman Tamica Phillips



Capt. Andrew Griffin, 18th Wing Judge Advocate officer, helps an athlete line up a shot at Emery Lanes during this year's Special Olympic Games' introductory bowling exhibition.

Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland



Evon Taylor, a.k.a. "Starlina the Clown," entertains 11-year-old Shoya Nakamatsu in between events.

Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland



Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, welcomes the hundreds of athletes and their families to Kadena during the opening ceremony.

Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



Members of the Kadena High School Junior ROTC color guard post the American and Japanese flags during the opening ceremony.

Air Force/Senior Airman Tamica Phillips

18th SFS officials outline dependent travel guidelines

By Staff Sgt. Rickie Jones
18th Security Forces Squadron

During this heavy permanent change of station season, Kadena sponsors of in-bound military and other Defense Department members and their families to the base are encouraged to 'push' country entry requirements to their sponsors. Additionally, those departing Okinawa need to have similar document requirements completed and on hand.

Entry procedures at Kadena

Required documents for entry include a valid passport, DoD identification card, and orders.

Once at the airport in country, military or civilian employees should collect their family member's passports, along with a copy of orders and ID cards, and proceed to the passport line.

Unaccompanied family members returning from leave or personal travel must have a valid single or multiple exit entry permit in their passport.

Unaccompanied family members joining DoD members already assigned in Japan must have a copy of their original orders, including amendments.

Departure procedures at Kadena

Required documents for departure include a valid passport with at least 6 months validity before travel; DoD identification card; and copies of EML, emergency or leave orders.

Departing members and their families have two documentation options.

Option 1: Travelers must have a single exit and re-entry stamp on their passports by 18th Security

Forces Squadron customs personnel. Single exit and re-entry permits will not be approved for more than 12 months, and may not exceed the active-duty member's date eligible for return from overseas; DoD Civilian contract expiration; expiration of DD Form 1173 if other than an active-duty family member, or passport expiration.

Option 2: Multiple exit and re-entry stamps on passports by 18th SFS customs personnel require prior coordination with the DoD member's command. Issuance is authorized to people assigned to the 18th Wing or any tenant unit on Kadena. The stamps may be issued for up to five years, not to exceed the DoD member's DEROS, DD Form 1173 expiration, and passport expiration.

Entry, departure procedures at Japanese airports

Required documents for entry into Japan include a valid passport, DoD identification card, orders and customs declaration. All other requirements are the same as for entry at Kadena.

Required documents for departure include passports and DoD identification cards. All other requirements are the same as for departure from Kadena.

Additional information

Personnel eligible to travel via commercial aircraft from a commercial airport for destinations outside of Japan may receive exit and re-entry stamps no earlier than 48 hours prior to departure at 18th SFS customs. Personnel must have confirmed plane tickets or an itinerary indicating the date and time

of departure, and must meet all other requirements.

Upon re-entry into Japan, if the Japanese immigration officer places a 90-day tourist stamp in the passport through administrative error, the individual will be required to obtain a verification of Status of Forces Agreement status from the legal office, and take the letter along with a copy of their orders, passport and ID card to the Japanese Immigration Office outside Gate 2 in order to void the tourist stamp.

Passports which expired while stationed in Okinawa must be replaced with a valid passport prior to travel.

SOFA members, DoD civilians, and their families with new passports requiring exit or re-entry permits must bring in either their old or expired passports, or a copy of their original orders to verify their SOFA status before they can obtain an exit-re-entry permit from Military Customs and Immigrations.

SOFA family members and DoD civilians requiring multiple exit/re-entry permits can request the stamps anytime as long as they have all required documents, along with the letter from 18th SFS customs signed by the DoD member's command explaining the frequency of their travel.

Customs officials will not issue single exit-re-entry permits for personnel not planning to return to Japan, such as those who are in the process of changing duty stations, enrolling in the Exceptional Family Members Program or initiating Early Return of Dependents.

For more information, please call 634-2217 or 634-1243, or visit the Air Mobility Command air passenger terminal.

ZINK

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"I take abuse for being the only guy here flying KC-135s who was born before most of them were made," the colonel said. Kadena's oldest model, flown by Col. Zink, rolled off the production line in 1957, one year after he was born.

"We need new tankers, but it's a testament to our maintainers and flyers that those old airplanes are still flying

and mission-ready every day."

From Plattsburgh he moved to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., where in 1986 he learned to fly the KC-10 Extender, followed by assignments to Offutt AFB, Neb., Scott AFB, Ill., and Maxwell AFB, Ala.

When asked what his favorite assignment was, he immediately identified Kadena.

"I love Kadena—this is my highlight tour, and I've been lucky to be assigned to some great places."

But his response didn't last long. With a laugh, he quickly corrected himself.

"No! Scott Air Force Base—because that's where I met Karen—that's my favorite location. Having met her was the best thing in my life!"

Some of the other "great places" that followed were McGuire AFB, N.J., where he took his first squadron command job in 1996, and Royal Air Force Mildenhall in the United Kingdom, where he was the deputy operations group commander at a KC-135 wing until 2000.

"I haven't had a bad assignment—several I didn't ask

for, but they were great because of the people."

As to a low point, there weren't many, he said. The struggle to get commissioned was one, and as a captain he almost joined the airline industry out of frustration with unit leadership. However, a strong leader and the people surrounding him changed his mind.

As to why he stayed in for such a long haul, the colonel said, "It's pretty simple."

"I enlisted for four years almost 31 years ago, and there were always several reasons why I stayed in, but the overriding reason is people."

"For nearly 31 years I got to work with some of America's greatest citizens, and I want them to know that what they do routinely every day is truly extraordinary."

The colonel leaned forward, raised his eyebrows and asked warmly, "You don't believe that?" He sat back with a confident smile and continued, "Just go to a high school reunion and tell them what you do—they'll be amazed. And you do it to defend America and the freedoms most citizens take for granted."

Having, on reflection, decided that it was 'OK' to call Kadena his best operational assignment, so long as Scott received "best location" mention, the colonel struggled to place a finger on one or two highlights of his tour.

Right off he pointed out the wing's success in the 2003

operational readiness inspection, and the opening of the Erwin Professional Military Education Center, which he said held special meaning for him as a prior-enlisted Airman.

He also recalled several operational missions, such as providing "top cover" for a Presidential tour of Southeast Asia; getting people out and back from the many air expeditionary force deployments; and tsunami relief.

"Bringing on the aeromedical evacuation mission was also a tremendous challenge," he said. "Modifying the KC-135, adapting facilities to house the mission, working with Lester Hospital to ensure we could move the neo-natal intensive care unit—many didn't think it could be done on a one-thirty-five, but we have now successfully done it many times."

And leaning forward for emphasis, he highlighted last year's ten typhoon evacuations.

"That was amazing. We hangared airplanes without bending any of them, then we flew away and continued to operate—we don't just wait it out."

"But it always comes back to people," he said, highlighting the volunteers that came together for Special Olympics.

When told that the base newspaper couldn't possibly run so many highlights, he replied, "But there's a ton of them—the tremendous awards

we get, having one of the Twelve Outstanding Airmen three years in a row, watching the honor guard, the command post becoming a premier command and control node, the aggressive way we exercise the base—it's nonstop."

"Kadena does things daily that would wrap up most other wings for weeks."

It all came to a wrap up for Colonel Zink and Karen last Saturday, when more than 300 wing members turned out to bid them farewell at the Officers Club. Among the many heartfelt presentations was one that stood out because of its foundation in both military tradition and the colonel's own beginnings in the Air Force.

Wing chief master sergeants in service dress marched into the presentation area, placed chief master sergeant stripes on the former 'mustang' (a term used to denote prior-enlisted officers), and with right hands raised, Chief Master Sgt. Gene Rausch read to Colonel Zink "The Chief's Oath." The colonel repeated, "I have no duty hours...I will yield to the needs of my country...I will never forget from whence I came."

As Colonel Zink begins a new chapter in his life, there is no doubt that he will always remember from whence he came, and that he will forever be one of those extraordinary Airmen, and leaders, that he so proudly speaks of.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair Col. Richard Zink, former 18th Wing vice commander, gets hosed down by his wife, Karen, after finishing his final flight for the U.S. Air Force June 22.

Today

THUNDER BOWLING: Work on your bowling game tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information visit Emery Lanes.

KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math while developing superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

BAR BINGO: Play bingo in the Rocker NCO Club lounge from 5 to 7 p.m. Pieces go on sale at 4:45 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: This Friday is the First Friday's R&B Party at the Rocker NCO Club Ballroom from 11 p.m. until close.

✓ De Ja Va variety music with DJ Rough Rider from 5 to 9 p.m. followed by a variety of music until close.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Celebrate Flashback Friday's from 5 to 11 p.m.

✓ Virus Fridaze is from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the lounge. Social hour is from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday

WOODBALL & SPEED PAINTBALL: Test your combat skills with a friendly game of paintball at Outdoor Recreation. Rentals start at 8:30 a.m. and the first game starts at 9 a.m. The last game starts at 12:45 p.m. Call 632-1039 for more information.

QUILTING CLASS: Learn the techniques of machine patchwork quilting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps.

TABLETOP WARRIOR CLUB: Come out to watch or learn how to play Warhammer, Warhammer 40K, Battletech and Dungeons & Dragons from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

DEEP SEA FISHING: Call Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel at 634-4322 for more information.

WEEKEND RESORT: Enjoy Fourth of July weekend at YYY Resort. Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Come out for "Hip Hop to Dirty South" with DJ Nate Love & DJ Steel at 8 p.m. in the lounge.

✓ Reggae and R&B from 8 p.m. until close in the ballroom.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Top 40 Variety in the lounge starting at 9 p.m.

Sunday

FAMILY BOWLING: Enjoy family bowling from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Games are \$1 each for up to three games.

WOODBALL & SPEEDPAINTBALL: Test your combat skills with a friendly game of paintball at Outdoor Recreation. Rental equipment is available at 8:30 a.m., and the first game starts at 9 a.m. The last game of the day starts at 12:45 p.m. Call 632-1039 for more information.

Deployed spouses dinner



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

Spouses of deployed servicemembers help themselves to a dinner potluck offered by the Kadena chapel staff during a deployed spouses dinner at Chapel 1 Saturday. More than 50 spouses came out to share a bite to eat and talk with their peers. The Kadena chaplains sponsor the dinner on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Chapel 1.

able at 8:30 a.m., and the first game starts at 9 a.m. The last game of the day starts at 12:45 p.m. Call 632-1039 for more information.

NIKKO RESORT: Relax with a day at Hotel Nikko Resort. Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

CASTLE RUINS: Catch a glimpse of Okinawa's historical castles. Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Planet Vibe offers a game league of spades, dominoes and "bid wiz."

✓ Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. and Top 40 music from 8 p.m. until close.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Game Show Mania mixed with Top 40 Variety from 7 to 10 p.m. in the lounge.

Monday

SALSA DANCE: Learn how to Salsa Dance at the Schilling Community Center from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Open to ages 18 and up.

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make new friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Open to ages 18 and up.

SACRED PLACES, SHRINES, TEMPLES: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

BANYAN TREE

CLUB: Play some bingo or listen to Juke Box Jams from 6 p.m. until close.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Game Show Night kicks off at 7 p.m. The more you play the better your chances are at winning \$500.

SCUBA SALE: There will be a 10-30 percent off Star Spangled Banner Sale at the Kadena Marina Scuba Locker.

PRO SHOP SALE: Get 10 percent off when you buy any bowling ball in stock that has red, white or blue at Emery Lanes.

Tuesday

TAI CHI CHUAN: From 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Open to ages 18 and up.

POOL TOURNAMENT: The Banyan Tree Club will host a pool tournament starting at 7 p.m. There will also be variety jams from 7 p.m. until close.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Enjoy an "Office Party" from 5 to 7 p.m.

✓ Crazy Karaoke begins at 7 p.m. and continues until 11 p.m.

Wednesday

QUARTERMANIA: After paying a \$5 participation fee, bowlers can enjoy 25-cent games at Emery Lanes.

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KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math while developing superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

KIMONO SHOPPING

TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Enjoy Deep Groove Jazz with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. then stay for Ladies Night with DJ Rob Ski from 8 p.m. until close.

DART TOURNAMENT: The Banyan Tree Club dart league meets at 7 p.m. Call 634-4428 or 634-0644 for more information.

Thursday

TEEN DISCOVERY: The Teen Millennium Center staff will lead a Teen Discovery trip to Butterfly Paradise and Pineapple parks from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Teen Center at 634-3866.

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Kicks off at 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Open to ages 18 and up.

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100 YEN STORES: Take a look at bargain items through ITT's South 100 Yen shop exploration tour. Call 634-4322 for more information.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Rub a Dub Reggae with DJ Rough Rider 5 to 8 p.m.

✓ Top 40 Variety from 8 p.m. to close.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Fired Up Country with DJ TNT 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Independence Day Weekend Events

Saturday-Monday

CELEBRATE AT OKUMA: Enjoy food, live entertainment, family games and prizes as well as fireworks each night. Call Okuma Resort for more information at 632-4386.

Monday

CELEBRATE AT MAREK PARK: There will be lots of games and activities including a water balloon toss, chicken dance contest and races in addition to free watermelon, giveaways and live entertainment. Festivities start at 3 p.m. and conclude with fireworks at 9 p.m. In the event of poor weather, activities will be rescheduled to Tuesday from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

C H A P E L

Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- ▲ Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- ▲ Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
- ▲ Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- ▲ Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 and 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
- ▲ Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
- ▲ Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & 327, 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

* First Run shows are marked by a star

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today.....*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, PG, 6 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, noon
- ▲ Sunday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, noon
- ▲ Monday.....*Batman Begins, PG-13, noon
- ▲ Tuesday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, 1 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday.....The Interpreter, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday.....*The Honeymooners, PG-13, noon
- ▲ Friday.....*The Honeymooners, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, 3 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, 1 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, 1 p.m.
- ▲ Monday.....Mr. & Mrs. Smith, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday.....The Honeymooners, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, 3 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday.....The Honeymooners, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Friday.....Mr. & Mrs. Smith, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.....The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, PG, 1 p.m.
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Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower



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MSG gets fit with Fun Day

TUG OF WAR: (Center) Jaime Alarcon, an 18th Communications Squadron resource manager, pulls with all his strength to avoid falling into a moat during the 18th Mission Support Group's Fun Day June 21. Dozens of Airmen from the six squadrons within the group participated in the activities at Torii Station's beach.

LOW CRAWL: Wesley Haley, an 18th Communications Squadron postal clerk, makes his way through camouflage netting with his teammate, Chyrece Campbell, an 18th CS photographer, during an obstacle course competition.

Sports briefs

Guard Start

Wednesday through Friday

This program is designed to guide youth ages 11 to 14 toward the American Red Cross life-guarding program by building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills. The course will be held Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will focus on prevention, fitness, response, leadership and professionalism. Participants must have taken and passed the pretest before signing up.

Tennis Tournaments

July 16-17, 23-24

Sign up to participate in the American and Japanese Friendship Doubles Tennis Tournament next month. The tournament includes men's intermediate division and women's open division July 16 and 17, and men's open division and women's intermediate division July 23 and 24. The deadline to register is Sunday at the Kadena Tennis Center and the entry fee is \$40 per team. Call 634-0695 for more information, or visit www.18services.com/tennis.html for annual tournament schedules.

Youth Sports & Fitness Summer Camps

July 12 - Aug. 12

Call 634-1384 for more information on the following summer camps:
• Zoe Soccer Camp - July 12-15 at the Youth Center sports fields. The camp is for children ages 5-9, and costs \$20 per child. There will also be a camp from July 19-22 from 5:30 to 7

Raising a red flag...or green...or yellow?

The Risner Fitness Center staff recently installed a flag between the gym and tennis courts to warn people against heat related injuries. Below is what each flag color means:

	White Flag: 81 F and below; Use caution and stay hydrated.
	Green Flag: Temp = 82-84 F; Heavy exercise for unacclimatized personnel should be conducted with caution and under constant supervision.
	Yellow Flag: Temp = 85-87 F; Strenuous exercise and labor should be suspended for unacclimatized personnel, and reduced for other personnel. Avoid outdoor classes.
	Red Flag: Temp = 88-89 F; Strenuous exercise should be suspended for personnel with less than 12 weeks acclimatization. Others can conduct limited activities for six hours.
	Black Flag: Temp = 90 F and above; Physical training and strenuous exercise should be suspended for all personnel.

p.m. at the same location for ages 3-4. Cost is \$20 per child.
• Soccer Camp - July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kadena High School soccer field. The camp is for children ages 7-16, and costs \$95 per child.
• Cheer Camp - July 25-28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the O'Conner Gym. The camp is for children ages 5-16, and costs \$50 per child.
• Volleyball Camp - July 29-30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the O'Conner Gym. The camp is for children ages 13-18. Cost is \$30 per child.

• Basketball Camp - Aug. 8-12 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the O'Conner Gym. The camp is for children ages 7-16, and costs \$50 per child.

More machines

The Risner Fitness Center staff recently converted a racketball court into an alternate cardiovascular fitness area with 10 workout machines moved from the Falcon Fitness Center.

Intramural soccer standings

Team	W	L	T
18 MUNS	5	0	1
961 AACS	3	1	0
18 CMS	3	1	0
554 RHS	2	1	1
18 EMS	2	1	1
390 IS	1	2	1
353 OSS	1	3	0
353 MXS	1	3	0
18 CS	0	2	0
18 CPTS	0	4	0

SOURCE: 18th Service Squadron, June 29

Intramural softball standings

Division I

Team	W	L
18 SFS	6	1
18 CS (A)	6	1
18 CMS (A)	6	2
18 MUNS	4	1
733 AMS (A)	4	2
718 AMXS (A)	4	2
18 CES (A)	2	3
18 LRS (A)	2	3
353 MXS	1	4
18 EMS	1	5
18 AMXS	1	5
18 SVS	0	6

Division II

Team	W	L
18 AMDS	5	0
390 IS	5	0
961 AACS (A)	4	0
554 RHS	3	2
353 OSS	2	3
82 RS (A)	2	4
18 MSS	1	5

Division II

Team	W	L
18 LRS (B)	6	0
18 LRS (C)	5	1
AAFES-PAC	5	1
18 CES (B)	4	3
733 AMS (B)	3	2
SCP	3	2
18 CS (B)	3	3
18 MUNS (B)	2	3
961 AACS (B)	2	4
18 CMS (B)	2	4

SOURCE: 18th Service Squadron, June 28